



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 25, 2001

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3101

Dear Senator Byrd:

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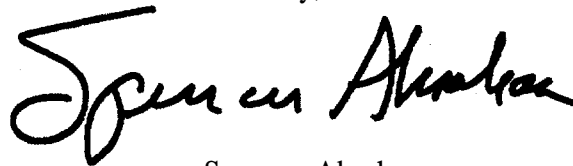


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- Help lower energy costs for the United States consumers;
- Reduce nuclear proliferation risks;
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- Enhance the United States integration with global sources of innovation.

I hope you find this first annual report to be responsive to the intent of the Congress. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Erik Rasmussen, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-2762.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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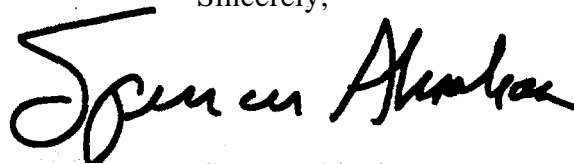


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Ranking Minority Member



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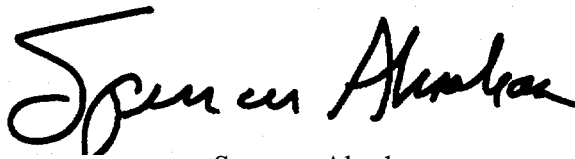


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